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Collaboration with Israel for Irrigation, Dairy Development
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with Israel to collaborate in the field of post harvest, irrigation and dairy technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which these agreements are fruitful in development of agricultural sector in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Government of India and the Government of the State of Israel signed an agreement on 24.12.1993 for cooperation in the field of Agriculture wherein areas like water and soil management, arid and semi arid crop production, fruit and vegetable production, post harvest and processing technologies, plant and animal sciences including development of the dairy branch, plant protection and control, veterinary science, agribusiness, farm mechanization and technology, agriculture trainings and extension, agricultural research and agro forestry found specific mention.

(c): The benefits accruing from the agreements are in the nature of capacity building, training of officials, knowledge exchange through visits of scientists, technology demonstrations, selling of seedling, etc. that aid in development of appropriate technologies and farm practices for enhancing agriculture productivity at farmers' field. Such cooperation also facilitates creation of opportunities for trade in agricultural commodities. India's strategic interests are also served through partnerships with other countries.

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